

I am an executive director in a county wide entrepreneurship training program in northern Indiana.

I strongly support the statement below and want to say in addition that if we are to continue to have a genuine democracy in the United States, the media in general and Sinclair in particular must be responsible in terms of fairly representing the issues with not only a narrow balance but with a wide range of view points. Your recent bias programing on public airwaves designated to serve the public interest not only undermines the democratic process but also erodes the publics faith in that process and the system to which we should all have a voice.

Thank you for taking these concerns seriously in your policy decisions.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.